

Amendment No. 1 to HR0258

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AMEND House Resolution 258

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by deleting the first resolving clause of the printed resolution and by substituting instead the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That, subject to the availability of adequate funding through grants and private contributions and without use of state resources, there shall be created a commission to examine reparation proposals for African-Americans. The commission shall:

(1) Review the institution of slavery as it existed from 1619 through 1865 within the United States and the colonies that became the United States; such review to include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following subjects:

(A) Capture and procurement of Africans;

(B) Transport of Africans to the United States and the colonies that became the United States for the purpose of enslavement, including their treatment during transport;

(C) Sale and acquisition of Africans as chattel property in interstate and intrastate commerce; and

(D) Treatment of enslaved Africans in the colonies and the United States, including the deprivation of their freedom, exploitation of their labor and destruction of their culture, language, religion and families.

(2) Identify and examine examples of systematic discrimination against formerly enslaved African Americans and their descendants from the end of the Civil War to the present; such examination to include, but not necessarily be limited to, economic, political and social discrimination as well as the extent to which the governments of the United States and this state prevented, opposed or

restricted efforts of formerly enslaved African Americans to repatriate to their homeland.

(3) Identify and examine federal and state laws that discriminated against formerly enslaved African Americans and their descendants during the period between the end of the Civil War and the present.

(4) Identify and examine the lingering, pervasive effects of slavery and discrimination upon living African-Americans and Tennessee society.

(5) Examine issues pertaining to appropriate remedies; such examination to include, but not necessarily be limited to, analyses of the following questions:

(A) Should the State of Tennessee offer formal apology for the perpetration of gross, human rights violations on enslaved African Americans and their descendants?

(B) Is any form of compensation warranted for the descendants of enslaved African Americans?

(C) If there is a finding that compensation is warranted, what should be the amount of compensation, what form of compensation should be awarded and who should be eligible for such compensation?

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the period "." at the end of the fifth resolving clause of the printed resolution and by substituting instead the following:

; provided, however, all reimbursement and payments rendered pursuant to this resolving clause shall be subject to the availability of funding from grants and private contributions and shall not be derived from state resources.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting from the eighth resolving clause of the printed resolution the words and punctuation ", subject to the availability of funding for such purpose." and by substituting instead the following:

; provided, however, procurement of such services shall be subject to the availability of funding from grants and private contributions and shall not be derived from state resources.

